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FM AMEMBASSY MANAMA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6008
INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI
AMCONSUL DHAHRAN
AMEMBASSY DOHA
AMEMBASSY JIDDA
AMEMBASSY KUWAIT
AMEMBASSY MUSCAT
AMEMBASSY SANA
USICA WASHDC

C O N F I D E N T I A L MANAMA 0793
VE.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: BA, SA, XN
SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR WEST MAKES HEADLINES

1. UNDER FRONT PAGE BANNER HEAD "AMBASSADOR FACES PROBE"
ENGLISH LANGUAGE GULF DAILY NEWS APRIL 2 CARRIED STRAIGHT REPORT
OF SENATOR DOLE'S CALL FOR PROBE OF AMBASSADOR WEST'S ROLE IN
SAUDI CHOICE OF PR FIRM. STORY ALSO QUOTED DEPT SPOKESMAN TO
EFFECT THAT DEPT "HAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THERE WAS ANY
IMPROPRIETY IN THE ACTION OF U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL". STORY
EMPHASIZED IMPACT OF THIS INCIDENT ON MIDDLE EAST AIRCRAFT
SALES PACKAGE ADMINISTRATION HAS PROPOSED AND QUOTED DOLE
AS SAYING THAT WEST INCIDENT "COULD HAVE SOME BEARING ON
CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED PACKAGE SALE
OF ARMS IN THE MIDDLE EAST."

2. STORY WAS TOPIC OF CONVERSATION DURING MID-DAY DIPLOMATIC
CORPS RECEPTION APRIL 2 AND DOMINANT OPINION AMONG THOSE
PRESENT, CHIEFS OF MISSION AND GOB OFFICIALS, WAS THAT (1)
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ISRAELI LOBBY PROBABLY OUT TO GET WEST BECAUSE HE IS DOING
A GOOD JOB AND THAT (2) ISRAELI LOBBY LOOKING HARD FOR ANY
DEVICE TO UPSET SALE OF AIRCRAFT TO SAG.

3. GULF DAILY NEWS IS TWO WEEK OLD PAPER DISTRIBUTED
THROUGHOUT GULF AND WHICH SO FAR TENDS TO BE POOR IMITATION
OF SECOND OR THIRD RATE LONDON PAPER. CIRCULATION ABOUT

5,000 DAILY.
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